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Columbia University Club
West 43rd Street
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Since I talked to you in my office last week, I have personally investigated the matter of your employment by this Agency. As reported to you by [REDACTED] it is a fact that a better and more specially qualified man was found for the job discussed with you. Insofar as other jobs are concerned, the reorganization program introduced in October by General Smith has released large numbers of people from their present duties and produced many requests for transfers within the Agency. Since it is our policy to use old employees released from former duties for new jobs insofar as possible, there is at present a surplus of applicants for these new jobs. Under these circumstances, there is not at the present time an available place for you, and, if I were you, I would forget about this Agency and look directly to the Army or elsewhere to find the sort of Government service that you want.

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You will recall our discussion of the Central Intelligence Agency last summer and long before I myself was working for it. I am afraid I gave you a bad steer and I am extremely sorry. In addition, I believe that the Agency is chargeable with some negligence in the way your application has been handled. I only hope that such instances of negligence can be reduced to a minimum in the future.

With best personal regards,

Very sincerely,

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